**Abstract** 

Process for synthesizing heterocyclic compounds

5 The invention provides the process illustrated in scheme 1 for synthesizing heterocyclic compounds of formula I.

## 10 Scheme 1

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In the process, an isothiocyanate of formula II is initially reacted with a primary amine of formula III to give a thiourea of formula IV. Subsequently, the thiourea of formula IV is converted to the corresponding heterocycle of formula I using a base and a sulfonyl chloride.